

The Applicant Agreement Information cover page of the application acknowledges that if approved to operate a charter school, the applicant must execute a charter contract with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools ("Board") within twelve months after the Board decides to grant the charter. A charter that is not timely signed expires.

Before the expiration of the Board's decision to grant a new charter, an applicant who has not yet executed the charter may submit a written one-time request for a good cause extension to execute the charter.

#### Submission Requirements

The written request for a good cause extension of the execution must include:

1. An explanation with evidence of why the applicant is unable to implement the plans contained in their application package and execute the charter within the allotted 12 months;
2. An explanation of the applicant's new timeline for implementing the plans contained in the application package, and why the timeline is viable and adequate for achieving the proposed start-up date of the school and appropriate for operating a charter school in accordance with the performance frameworks adopted by the Board and requirements of statute and rule; and
3. Clear and specific action steps with target completion dates that will enable the applicant to implement the plans contained in the application package in accordance with the timeline in item 2 above.

#### Board Consideration

The Board may grant a one-time good cause extension of the execution of a charter if an applicant demonstrates good cause. When considering a request for good cause extension of the execution of the charter contract, the Board shall consider:

1. The timeliness of the submission of the request and the proposed extension date;
2. The viability of the applicant's new timeline for implementing the plans contained in the application package;
3. Whether the new timeline provided by the applicant is adequate to begin providing educational instruction as required and complies with the plans contained in the application package;
4. Unforeseen circumstances affecting the applicant's ability to execute the charter within the allotted 12 months;
5. Whether there have been changes in the principals of the applicant; and
6. The status of compliance with all applicable federal, State and local laws, and with all of the terms of a charter.

If the Board grants a one-time good cause extension of the execution of the charter, the Board shall specify the date by which the applicant shall execute the charter and begin the first day of operation of the charter school based on the timeline provided by the applicant and the requirements in Rule.<sup>i</sup> If the applicant does not execute the charter by the specified date, the Board's decision to grant the charter shall expire.

The Board shall not grant more than one good cause extension to any applicant for the same charter.

Historical Note:

Effective: April 12, 2004

Board Approval Date: April 12, 2004

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<sup>i</sup> As provided in pending revisions to Rule including the provision that, "A charter holder who is granted a good cause extension to execute a charter shall begin providing educational instruction no later than the third fiscal year after the Board's decision to grant the charter."